

REMARKS

On page 2 of the Office Action mailed on September 16, 2005, the Examiner objected to the use of the terms "adapted to" and "capable of" in claims 18, 24, 34, 38, 44, 53 and 56. Although Applicant believes "adapted to" and "capable of" are positively recited claim limitations, claims 18, 24, 34, 38, 44, 53 and 56 are amended herewith in accordance with the objection.

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 18-56 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of US Patent 6,654,378. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome this rejection.

On page 11 of the Office Action, claims 38-41, 53 and 56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Meier (US 5,504,746). Applicant notes that the examiner did not consider the terms following the phrase "adapted to" in claims 38, 53 and 56, because the Examiner is of the position that the phrase "adapted to" is not a positively recited claim limitation. As mentioned above, the instances of "adapted to" have been amended herewith to read "operable to." Applicant submits that "operable to" is a positively recited claim limitation and that therefore the terms following "operable to" must be considered. Applicant submits that when such terms are considered, claims 38, 39, 40, 41, 53 and 56 clearly distinguish over the cited Meier reference.

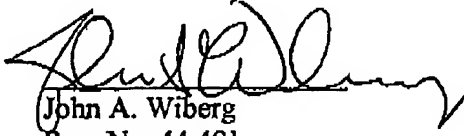
On page 13 of the Office Action, claims 44, 45 and 53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meier (US 5,504,746) in view of Fischer (5,502,726). As mentioned above, the examiner did not consider the terms following the phrase "adapted to" in claims 44 and 53, because the Examiner is of the position that the phrase "adapted to" is not a positively recited claim limitation. As mentioned above, the instances of "adapted to" have been amended herewith to read "operable to." Applicant submits that "operable to" is a positively recited claim limitation and that therefore the terms following "operable to" must be considered. Applicant submits that when such terms are considered, claims 44, 45 and 53 clearly distinguish over the cited Meier reference.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 18-56.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment by this submission to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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